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TAGS: PFOR, KS, SY, JO

SUBJECT: SOUTH KOREAN INTEREST IN RELATIONS WITH SYRIA

REF: DAMASCUS 314 (NOTAL)

1. SOUTH KOREAN EMBASSY COUNSELOR HAK WON SONG TOLD EMBOFF THERE HAS BEEN NO RESPONSE TO HIS AMBASSADOR'S INFORMAL APPROACH TO SYRIANS RE ESTABLISHING DIPLOMATIC RELATIONS. SONG SAID HIS EMBASSY DOES NOT REALLY EXPECT REPLY TO WHAT HE CALLED THEIR PREMATURE ENQUIRY. HE ADDED THAT QUESTION OF SEEKING DIPLOMATIC TIES WITH EGYPT, SYRIA AND IRAQ WILL BE TAKEN UP AT SOUTH KOREAN CHIEFS OF MISSION CONFERENCE IN IRAN NEXT MONTH, BUT THAT DOES NOT REPRESENT ANY FEELING THAT TIME MAY BE GETTING RIPE FOR APPROACHES TO THOSE COUNTRIES. RATHER, SONG OBSERVED, SOUTH KOREA CONTINUALLY EXPLORES PROSPECTS TO EXPAND DIPLOMATIC RELATIONS.

2. SOUTH KOREAN EMBASSY PREOCCUPIED 26 JANUARY WITH UNEXPECTED ARRIVAL OF REMAINING THREE OFFICERS OF THEIR EMBASSY IN BEIRUT, INCLUDING AMBASSADOR.  
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SONG SAID THEY INTEND TO WAIT OUT LEBANON SITUATION

FOR A WEEK OR SO BEFORE DECIDING WHETHER TO RETURN  
TO BEIRUT.  
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